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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE: ROMANIA ENCOURAGED TO SUPPORT MANDATE

REVIEW COLLECTIVELY IN WORKING GROUP

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Classified By: PolCouns Theodore Tanoue for Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

(C) Human Rights Officer relayed reftel demarche on 3/22/07 to MFA Director for OSCE, COE, and Human Rights Issues, Brandusa Predescu. Predescu said that she was aware that the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) had tabled a resolution that would extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Palenstinian Territories Occupied since 1967 until the end of the Israeli occupation. While not committing the GOR delegation to have the review of all mandates kept within the Working Group, she did agree to instruct the Romanian permanent mission to consider the USG request to have all mandates reviewed collectively in the working group. Predescu bemoaned the absence of the USG from the Human Rights Council, and encouraged future USG participation. She also suggested that the USG work with the German EU Presidency in shaping a collective EU response to our request. TAUBMAN